



Speaker Statements

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"The focus of new teen drivers should be on the road, not on distractions like mobile phones. I encourage parents and guardians to talk to their teens about the dangers of distracted driving. Beginning today, teens need to put their phone in park. It's the law."

Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State

"Born from tragedy, Kelsey's Law will help novice drivers focus solely on driving. The largest contributing factors to teen traffic crashes are inexperience and immaturity. Driver distractions only exacerbate these situations so we hope teens will remember to put their phone in park."

Michael L. Prince
Director, Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning

"I can't begin to tell you how much this law means to my family. To be able to play a role in saving the lives of others, because we know Kelsey's Law will save lives, leaves me speechless. Kelsey is dancing in heaven today, knowing that lives will be saved because of her."

"Preventing one family from going through the pain that not just our family has gone through, but thousands of other families, is what this law is about."

Bonnie Raffaele
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

"The death of Kelsey was an unimaginable loss for her family, friends and community. We must do all we can to prevent similar tragedies from occurring. This law is an important part of the solution because it helps remove unnecessary distractions for inexperienced drivers. Unfortunately teenagers don't always listen when their parents tell them what to do, such as hanging up the phone while driving. Now parents will have the law backing them up; this is no longer just good advice for young drivers."

Senator Howard Walker
R- Traverse City